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June 30, 2000

Clyde Yates
Brush Wellman, Inc.
P.O. Box 815
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Re: Partial Surety Release, Brush Wellman, Inc., Topaz Mine (M/023/003), and Hogs Back Mine (M/023/053), Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Yates:

On May 22, 2000, Brush Wellman, Inc. requested that the Division inspect and release from further reclamation liability their Monitor #3 overburden pile (26 acres); the North Blue Chalk #2 overburden pile (33 acres); and the Hogs Back dump slope (2.5 acres). The Division advised Brush that a site inspection would have to be made and also requested that they provide photos and maps of the areas requested.

On June 20, 2000, a joint inspection was performed with representatives from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and Brush Wellman, Inc. The requested maps and photos were supplied to the Division on June 26, 2000.

The inspection determined that Brush Wellman had done excellent reclamation of the three requested areas. The revegetation met or exceeded the Division's reclamation standards. Upon the recommendation of the BLM and SITLA, **the Division hereby releases Brush Wellman, Inc. from further reclamation liability of the 59 acres of overburden piles at the Monitor #3 and North Blue Chalk #2 sites located at the Topaz Mine and 2.5 acres of dump slope located at the Hogs Back Mine.** Thank you for your exemplary reclamation work at these sites.

We look forward to continuing our working relationship with the staff at Brush Wellman. If you have any concerns regarding this letter, please contact D. Wayne Hedberg at (801) 538-5286 or Tom Munson at 538-5321.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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cc: Greg Hawkins, Brush Wellman
Larry Garahana, BLM, Fillmore FO
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